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PASS TO LABOR DEPARTMENT (ATTENTION JAMES METCALF IN  
ILAB AND JULIET KIDNEY IN BLS)

FROM REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, EAID, KU

SUBJECT: KUWAITI INTEREST IN FORTHCOMING LABOR STATISTICS SEMINAR

1. SULEIMAN AL-SALEIMAN, DIRECTOR OF MANPOWER DEPARTMENT  
IN KUWAITI MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, WHO IS  
CURRENTLY ATTENDING MANPOWER CONFERENCE AT BEIRUT, HAS  
INFORMED ME THAT MINISTRY HAD SET ASIDE FUNDS TO SEND  
TWO OFFICIALS ABROAD FOR LABOR STATISTICS TRAINING THIS  
YEAR. HE IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHAT BLS SEMINARS  
WILL BE OFFERED IN FALL.

2. WOULD REQUEST THAT DOL AND/OR AID/W AIRPOUCH TO  
EMBASSY KUWAIT, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO AL-SULEIMAN, DESCRIPTION  
OF LABOR STATISTICS COURSES PLANNED IN LATTER HALF OF  
1975 TOGETHER WITH APPROXIMATE DATES AND ANTICIPATED COST  
PER KUWAITI PARTICIPANT.

3. WOULD ALSO REQUEST THAT DOL CONSIDER OFFERING ARABIC  
LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION FOR KUWAITIS IF TWO PARTICIPANTS  
ATTEND SAME SEMINAR. AL-SULEIMAN INDICATED THAT MINISTRY  
PERSONNEL BEING CONSIDERED FOR LABOR STATISTICS TRAINING  
ARE RATHER WEAK IN ENGLISH.

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4. MOREOVER, IF SUCH INTERPRETATION SERVICES

COULD BE ARRANGED WELL IN ADVANCE AND LABOR REPORTING  
OFFICERS AT POSTS IN ARAB COUNTRIES COULD BE ADVISED BY  
WASHINGTON TO INFORM LOCAL LABOR MINISTRIES AND OTHER  
INTERESTED AGENCIES OF AVAILABILITY OF ARABIC INTERPRETATION  
AT LEAST SIX WEEKS BEFORE SCHEDULED SEMINAR, IT SHOULD BE  
POSSIBLE TO ATTRACT OTHER ARAB PARTICIPANTS, PARTICULARLY  
FROM GOVERNMENTS WILLING AND ABLE TO PAY THEIR OWN WAY.  
DURING MY CONTACTS WITH SENIOR LABOR MINISTRY AND OTHER  
OFFICIALS IN REGION, I HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THEIR INTEREST  
IN SENDING PERSONNEL FOR STATISTICS TRAINING NOTWITH-  
STANDING THEIR ADMISSIONS OF DIFFICULTY IN FINDING  
CANDIDATES IN APPROPRIATE POSTS WITH GOOD COMMAND OF  
ENGLISH. SEMINAR WITH ARABIC INTERPRETATION WOULD  
RESPOND TO THEIR NEEDS AND INTEREST AND COULD WELL DRAW  
AN ADDITIONAL HALF DOZEN OR SO PARTICIPANTS AS A  
CONSEQUENCE.  
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